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MELTON MOWBRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

&

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1943

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VITAL STATISTICS

	Rate for District	Rate for England & Wales
Birth Rate	20.5	16.5
Death Rate	12.0	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births...	66.9	49.0

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30)	2
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	24
Deaths from Measles (all ages)...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts

H. Buxton, M.R. San.I M.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Foods Officer.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Urine (general and bacteriological)	118
Sputa for T.B.	111
Urine for T.B.	95
Blood for Wassermann Test	83
Milk examinations (bacteriological)	59
Swabs for Diphtheria	49
Films for gonococci	7
Milk for Phosphate Test	4
Sewage and water analyses	3
Miscellaneous	50
	579

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a) from wells ... ... nil
(b) from pipe supply... 8
(all 8 samples were satisfactory)

Practically all houses are supplied with water from the works directly to the houses.

The water supply has been satisfactory as regards quality but it has been necessary to restrict the quantity supplied for several months. Efforts are being made to obtain an additional supply.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1943 8

No new cesspools were constructed during the year and none were abolished.

2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1943:-

(a) Privies 1
(b) Pail Closets 9
(c) Water closets... 3,360

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected fortnightly by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works.

Practically all houses are provided with moveable dustbins.

Salvage

House-to-house collections are made during alternate weeks. Larger accumulations are collected as requested.

Good progress was made in the salvaging of all classes of materials.

3. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received	92
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered...	238

	Number of Inspections	Re-visits
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	256	204
Slaughter houses	2	450
Food premises	32	81
Dairies and cowsheds	26	20
Animal keeping	5	7
Workshops, etc.	12	6
Shops	21	10
Other premises	24	54
	478	832

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st. January	3	12
Issued during year	22	86
Complied with during year	20	88
Outstanding 31st. December	5	10
Statutory action necessary	-	4

Statutory		
Issued during the year	-	4
Complied with during year	-	4
No. of summonses issued	-	1
No. of convictions obtained	-	1

4. SHOPS

Action under the provisions of the Shops, Act. 1934:-

4 defects found relating to sanitary conveniences and all were remedied.

5. REGULATED BUILDINGS

	Number in District	Number of Inspections
Common Lodging Houses	2	14

6. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) Publicly owned. One Children's Swimming Pool owned by the Town Estate, and one Paddling Pool owned by the Urban District Council.

(b) Privately owned. One open-air Swimming Pool

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 138

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.. ... 176

(2). Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 39

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action 31

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR... ... ... Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	Cowkeepers	Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)
Number on the Register... ...	23	9
Number of inspections of premises	33	13
Number of contraventions outstanding from 1942 ...	6	Nil
Number of contraventions found during year	13	3
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	12	3
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. Dec.	7	Nil

Contraventions	Outstanding from previous Year	Found during Year	Remedied during Year	Outstg. on 31st.Dec.
Cleansing	Nil	8	8	Nil
Structural alterations	6	4	3	7
Utensils	Nil	4	4	Nil

MILK SAMPLING

53 samples of milk were taken during the year as follows:-

Class	Number of samples for bact.exam.	Number satisfactory	Number unsatisfactory
Designated	3	3	Nil
Ordinary	50	45	5

(5 repeat samples were satisfactory)

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Regional Slaughter-houses in area ...	1
Number of animals slaughtered	14,125
Number of animals examined	14,125
Number of inspections of meat at times of slaughter	450
Number of knacker yards in area..	1
Number of visits to knacker yards	12

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number killed	1,443	624	650	11,022	386	14,125
Number inspected	1,443	624	650	11,022	386	14,125
All diseases except T.B.						Weight in lbs
Whole carcases condemned	25	31	8	55	2	25.270
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	103	72	2	93	2	4,334
						29,604
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	8.9%	16.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	3	57	3	-	1	42,985
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	41	37	-	-	6	2,474
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5.2%	15%	0.5%	-	1.8%	45,459
				Total Weight in lbs.		75,063

33 tons, 10 cwts. 23 lbs. of meat condemned during the year compared with 26 tons, 7 cwts. 17 lbs. last year

	Number of inspections
Meat shops, Meat Stores, etc.	41
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	72

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered:-

609	tins of meat - 1,557 lbs.	23	lbs. of Fish
83	" " milk	99	lbs. of Rice
153	" " vegetables	23½	lbs. of Tea
99	" " fruit	47	lbs. of bacon
58	" " Fish	309	lbs. split peas
18	" " Preserves	126	lbs. cereals
		77	lbs. tomatoes
1,020		336	lbs of sausage meal
		14	lbs. sausage meat

Food exposed for sale in the open Market is regularly inspected.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1943:-

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	30	27	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Erysipelas	5	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	144	-	-
Measles	84	1	-
Pneumonia	15	-	5
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	3	2	1

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	4	2	-	12	3	3	5	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	11	18	16	17	13	68	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	5	12	11	14	8	23	6	1	2	2	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	5

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Good progress has been made with the Immunisation Scheme. 398 children completed the full course of Immunisation during the year.

	Between 1 & 5 years	Between 5 & 15 years
Percentage of child population immunised at 31st. Dec. 1943	80%	88%

Sessions are held at the Council Offices, Egerton Lodge, every four weeks.

Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under 15 years of age notified during the year 1943 ... ... Nil

TREATMENT FOR SCABIES

In May, 1942, a Centre was opened for treatment of Scabies cases from the Melton Mowbray Urban and the Melton & Belvoir Rural Districts.

195 cases from the Urban District have been given out-patient treatment at this Centre during 1943, compared with 246 cases in 1942.

	Under 15 yrs.	Over 15 yrs.	Total
Males	54	31	85
Females	75	35	110
Total	129	66	195

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1943

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -15	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
15 -25	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1
25 -35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 -65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	-	2	2	1	2	-	1